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Amerisource Bergen, a pharmaceutical technology company, celebrated its grand opening in Buffalo Grove Sept. 13.

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-10th; state Rep. Kathleen Ryg, D-59th; and Buffalo Grove Village Manager Bill Brimm welcomed the company to its new home in the neighborhood.

"I'm excited to see a new 21st century employer here in Buffalo Grove," Kirk said.

Ryg, who worked many years ago at the local pharmacy Mark Drug, has witnessed the technological transition firsthand.

"I am used to the old system of reading the label and counting out each pill," Ryg said. "Seeing these machines (accurately count and fill bottles in seconds) is unbelievable."

The company's success, \$64 billion in annual revenue, made it necessary for expansion and consolidation.

From Vernon Hills

Amerisource Bergen relocated its two Vernon Hills locations and 180 employees to the 148,000-square-foot warehouse and office building at 1400 Busch Parkway.

"Thank you for choosing Buffalo Grove," Brimm said at the ribbon cutting. "It helps keep our village vibrant and attractive to more businesses."

The company, based in Valley Forge, Pa., specializes in high-tech research and development of automation systems to distribute medicine in hospitals and pharmacies.

"Our new Buffalo Grove facility reinforces our commitment to providing world-class pharmacy automation and continuously improving the quality of our products and services," said Pete Gilbert, vice president of operations.